



Team 4 News, Term 3, 2010

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Term 3 already! Welcome back to yet another fun-filled, busy term. We are focusing on the Arts this term and our topic is 'Story Magic', with the focusing question, "How can we tell a story?" We will explore fairy-tales, legends and myths using dance, drama, music and visual art.

Key competency: As a school we are encouraging development of some life skills or competencies so children will become socially competent life-long learners. Our key competency for this term is managing self, which involves being organised for school, looking after belongings and showing readiness to learn. Helping your child to be organised and ready for school, and in their classroom before the bell to allow them time to do their morning jobs, would be greatly appreciated by all of us.

Our literacy program continues with basic literacy skills in reading and writing. We will also explore narratives as a story structure and incorporate lots of story telling in oral language and imaginative writing. A big part of literacy learning for children comes from having stories read to them. Not only do they learn about book language, story structures, and many other literacy skills, but it fosters an enjoyment and love of reading that is invaluable for children's lifelong education. As part of our Story Magic topic, it would be lovely for us if any enterprising parent or grandparent out there would like to dress up and come and read or tell stories to their child's class.

In Maths we are continuing learning about number knowledge, and developing strategies for addition and subtraction. We will also be introducing strategy development and knowledge in multiplication and division, and proportions and ratios (fractions). As part of the measurement strand, we will be looking at concepts about length. This term we will be completing a written report on your child's achievement in maths.

In Maori, as part of our Arts focus, we will explore some simple Te Reo Kori action songs and poi dancing. Incorporated in our Story Magic topic, we will learn about some Moari legends. We will also continue to revise counting, body parts and days of the week in Te Reo Maori.

In the Arts we will be exploring the conventions and skills of dance and drama, as we tell stories and critically review the plots and characters. We will also use music as a medium for story telling, and view artwork that tells a story.

In PE, we are learning skipping skills for the first 5 weeks, and then getting really fit and training for our cross country, which will be in Week 9 of this term.

Thank you again for all of the support and help you are giving to your children. We hope this information on what your child is studying at school is helpful and can be reinforced in normal, everyday, real-life situations.

Important Dates to Note for Term 3:

Cake Stall	Thursday 9 September
Team 4 & 5 Cross Country	Thursday 16 September
Production	from 20 September
Numeracy Reports home	Monday 20 September
Last Day of Term	Friday 24 September
Gala Day	Next Term (Watch this space!)

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